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1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLY REF A DUE ABSENCE SECRETARY VIRATA FROM MANILA. MATTER DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH VIRATA JANUARY 6, FOLLOWING UPON LETTER SENT TO HIM PER REF A ON DEC. 12. JUDGING FROM HIS COMMENTS, ESSENTIAL INTEREST OF U.S. IN PRESERVING A SHORT LIST OF OBSERVERS SEEMS FULLY SERVED, ALTHOUGH VIRATA LIST A BIT LONGER THAN OUTLINED REF A. VIRATA REPORTS THE FOLLOWING MAIN VIEWS BASED ON HIS EXPLORATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

(A) REGIONAL GROUPINGS: IT IS FELT THAT TO INVITE ANY ONE ON A FULL TIME BASIS OPENS THE DOOR TO ALL. THUS A REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT MEET WITH FAVOR, ACCORDING VIRATA. IN ANY EVENT, HE FEELS EC IS OVERREPRESENTED IN COUNTRY PARTICIPATION ON COMMITTEE.

(B) UN BODIES: THERE SHOULD BE A SINGLE REPRELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENTATIVE RESPECTIVELY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND OF

UNCTAD. OTHER UN BODIES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AS APPROPRIATE THROUGH THESE TWO.

(C) GATT. INCLUDED AS A STANDING MEMBER. WHILE NO MENTION MADE IN VIRATA LISTING OF OECD AND DAC, PRESUME THESE ALREADY AGREED.

(D) REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS (ASIAN, AFRICAN AND INTERAMERICAN) INCLUDED ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK (EVEN THOUGH DEVELOPMENT ROLE IS LIMITED) AND THE ARAB DEVELOPMENT FUND.

(D) BANK OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENTS. VIEWED AS A CLEARING HOUSE, AND REQUEST TO INCLUDE NOT CONSIDERED MERITORIOUS.

(F) AD HOC REPRESENTATION. FAIRLY LIBERAL USE SHOULD BE MADE OF THIS DEVICE AS THE AGENDA MAY JUSTIFY OR REQUIRED.

2. VIRATA'S OVERLL LISTING SEEMS PERHAPS MORE EXPANSIVE THAN DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND, BUT CHOICES ON THE WHOLE APPEAR CALCULATED TO LIMIT LIST WHILE ALSO LIMITING CRITICISM ESPECIALLY FROM LDCS.

3. FYI VIRATA PLANNING DEPART FOR WASHINGTON JAN. 9 FOR MEETING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. END FYI. SULLIVAN

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